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[Press Release: Statewide NECAP Science Assessment Results Released](#)

Audience: All

Statewide science assessment results for Spring 2010 were released by the Vermont Department of Education this week. The results are from the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) Science assessments, given to Vermont public school students in grades 4, 8 and 11 in May 2010. This is the third year of administration of the NECAP Science Assessment. To read the complete release and for results, visit http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/dept/press_releases.html.

Contact: Michael Hock, Assessment Director, at (802) 828-3115 or michael.hock@state.vt.us

[Press Release: Vergennes Union High School Teacher Named 2011 Teacher of the Year](#)

Audience: All

Jennifer Lawson, a middle school language arts and social studies teacher at Vergennes Union High School in Vergennes, was named by the State Board of Education as the 2011 Vermont Teacher of the Year at a ceremony held this week at the school. Also honored were Alternate Kathy Bennett, a high school French teacher at Enosburg Falls Middle and High School in Enosburg Falls, and Finalist Maria Dana Dezotell, a high school science teacher at Missisquoi Valley Union High School in Swanton.

To read the complete release, visit http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/dept/press_releases.html.

Contact: Jill Remick, Communications Director, at (802) 828-3154 or jill.remick@state.vt.us

[Public Comment Opportunity: Restraint and Seclusion Rules](#)

Audience: All

The appropriate use of restraint and seclusion is an important issue affecting many students in Vermont schools and currently there is no statute or rule regulating their use. Around the country there have been documented instances of injury and death to students as a result of improper restraint or seclusion. It is important for the safety of students and school staff that rules regulating the use of restraint and seclusion be implemented. Therefore, the department is proposing rules to the State Board and is seeking public comments on the proposed rules. The public comment period runs from September 17, 2010 through November 18, 2010, and includes two public hearings. For more information, visit

http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/board/rules.html#public_comment.

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[Clarification on School Nurse and Associate School Nurse Licensure](#)

Audience: Administrators, School Nurses

The question has been raised whether a School Nurse or Associate School Nurse who supervises and/or evaluates other School Nurses or Associate School Nurses, as contemplated under the School Health Transformation Model at http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm_health_services.html#blueprint, is required to have a Supervisor's Endorsement (See VSBPE Rule 5440-75) on his or her School Nurse License or Associate School Nurse License. The "authorization description" in the language of Supervisor's Endorsement (5440-75) is as follows: "(75) Supervisor: The holder is authorized to supervise and evaluate instructional personnel and/or programs within the supervisor's specific area(s) of expertise

(emphasis supplied).” In light of the fact that School Nurses and Associate School Nurses do not function in an “instructional” or “programmatic” capacity, it is the position of the Educator Quality Division of the Vermont Department of Education that a Supervisor’s Endorsement is not necessary as a precondition to a School Nurse or Associate School Nurse supervising and/or evaluating other School Nurses or Associate School Nurses in the context of their clinical practice.

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Act 1 - A Letter from Commissioner Vilaseca and Commissioner Dale

Audience: Administrators, School Counselors, Health Educators, Nurses, Classroom Teachers, SAPs

This memo addresses sections 3 and 9 of *Act 1 - An Act Relating To Improving Vermont's Sexual Abuse Response System* and identifies resources schools should expect to receive in November. To view the legislation online, and to view the complete memo, visit

<http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/maindept.html#resources>.

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Common Core State Standards Implementation Plan and Information

Audience: Superintendents, Curriculum Coordinators, Principals, and Classroom Educators

Common Core State Standards in Vermont is an informational presentation that communicates current understanding of the Common Core and outlines first steps and considerations in implementing the Common Core in Vermont. This presentation, which includes dates for November Common Core regional informational meetings, has been used to orient the Common Core Policy Group, Common Core Implementation Committee, and the Vermont Professional Development Network Leaders to their roles in the implementation plan. To access the presentation, the Transition Timeline SY2010-14, and the Common Core Implementation Plan SY2010-11, visit

http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm_curriculum.html#cc_plan.

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2011 Fall Student Census Training Schedule

Audience: Registrars, Administrative Support, Student Information Systems Support Persons or any school personnel who are responsible for completing the Fall and/or Spring Student Census

October 4, 2010	10-Noon	St. Albans	St. Albans Town Elementary
October 6, 2010	10-Noon	Brandon	Brandon Firehouse
October 8, 2010	10-Noon	Montpelier	Pavilion Auditorium

Space is limited, so please register immediately via email. For more information, visit

http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/dept/calendar.html#census_brandon.

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Vermont Alternate Assessment Portfolio (VTAAP) Fall 2010 Training

Audience: Case Managers, Special & General Educators, Special Ed. Administrators, Principals, Parents, Related Service Providers

The 2010 Fall training for submitting an application and completing an alternate assessment portfolio for the 2010/11 school year is now available in an online, interactive Powerpoint training. The training can be accessed anytime on the web at <http://www.vtalt.com>. You must register by submitting a username and password. This assessment will replace the Fall 2011 NECAP for students currently in grades 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 10 in reading and math and students in grades 4, 8, and 11 in science. Hard copy forms and resources can be found at http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm_alternate.html.

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Teacher and Principal Evaluation Survey Results

Audience: All

In December 2009, all Vermont principals and superintendents were surveyed regarding their districts’ teacher and principal evaluation practices. Some of the information gathered in these surveys was required as a condition of the state’s acceptance of federal Stimulus Funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). However, the Vermont Department of Education asked additional questions in order to gain as complete a picture as possible of the current state of teacher and principal evaluation practices in Vermont. This information should be understood as providing a snapshot of the current state of educator evaluation practices. The goal is to consider these findings as we move toward a

system of teacher and principal evaluation that is more transparent, useful and consistent statewide. To view statewide results of these surveys, including a summary of key findings, aggregate survey results, and full text responses to the open-ended questions, visit

<http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/maindept.html#survey>.

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Vermont Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (VTPBiS) 2010 Annual Report

Audience: All

The department is pleased to present the Vermont Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (VTPBiS) 2010 Annual Report. This report features highlights from Vermont's third year of implementing the national framework of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), as well as our continuous improvement goals for 2010-11. Interest in and enthusiasm for VTPBiS continues to grow, and we are committed to build capacity to meet this need. This report can be viewed at:

http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm_ess/pbs.html#annual.

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From the Department of Health and Human Services:

Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs: Resources for Conducting Outreach and Providing Services to Trafficked Children

Audience: Administrators

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is hosting a series of free, online WebEx training sessions on a variety of topics related to human trafficking. The one-hour information session at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, September 29, will focus on federally funded runaway and homeless youth programs and address the following:

- Conducting street outreach to runaway and homeless youth, including trafficked children;
- Emergency shelter and services for runaway and homeless youth;
- Long-term residential services for homeless youth; and
- Maternity group homes for pregnant and parenting youth.

For more information and to register, visit

<https://mman.webex.com/mman/j.php?ED=139173847&RG=1&UID=0&RT=MIMxMQ%3D%3D>.

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http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/dept/field_memo.html. Field Memos and the corresponding attachments are available for download. For Field Memo information three months or older, or for other questions, please contact Jill Remick, communications director, at (802) 828-3154 or jill.remick@state.vt.us.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

For the Department of Education Web site see: <http://education.vermont.gov/>. For upcoming events or professional development opportunities, see the DOE Calendar of Events located at:

<http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/dept/calendar.html>.

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